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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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SERIAL NO: 10/666,240 :
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FOR: BINDING APPARATUS, PAPER :
PROCESSING APPARATUS AND IMAGE
FORMING SYSTEM

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated May 9, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.